

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-16 remain active in this application; Claims 1-7 and 17-19 canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action the Figures 1, 3 and 4 and the specification were objected to as including informalities requiring correction; Claims 1 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Gillio (USPN 5,882,206); Claims 2-7, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gillio in view of Webb et al (US Pub. No. 2001/0037366 A1); and Claims 8-16 were indicated as being allowable.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 8-16. In order to expedite prosecution, Claims 1-7 and 17-19 have been canceled.

In response to the objection to Figs. 1, 3 and 4, attached here to is a Letter submitting replacement sheets for Figs. 1, 3 and 4 correcting the informalities identified in the outstanding Office Action. No new matter has been added. In view of this submission, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding objection to the drawings has been overcome.

In response to the objection to the specification, the typographical error “The” as stated at page 11, paragraph [0042], line 4 has been corrected and the objection to the specification has also been overcome.

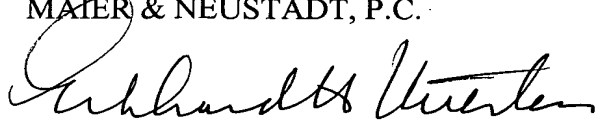
Accordingly, in view of the indication that the sole pending claims, i.e., Claims 8-16,

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are allowable, no further issues are outstanding, and formal allowance of Claims 8-16 is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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